Dress for Success® is more than just a new outfit. It’s about confidence. It’s about enabling women to break the cycle of poverty. The mission of Dress for Success is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire, and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. All services are offered at no charge.

Traditionally, when donating to Dress for Success many think of professional suit pieces like a blazer with matching pants or a skirt. While these are staples of our suiting program, many women are getting jobs outside of an office environment, so our donation needs are evolving — just like our women. Wearing a suit every day is no longer a requirement for every position. And as we promote at Dress for Success, it’s not about what you are wearing it’s about your inner confidence.

Below is a list of high-need donations we are finding more of our female clients are requesting and needing for their employment:

- Brand new underwear with tags attached in all sizes (prefer white, beige, or black)
- Brand new bras/jog bras with tags attached in all sizes (prefer white, beige, or black)
- Black closed-toe shoes low heels or flats in all sizes
- Black closed-toe non-skid shoes
- Black or neutral color professional pants
- White long sleeve button down oxford style shirt
- Plus size 18 and above professional attire and undergarments/cami/shorts/shapewear
- Medical Scrubs in all sizes
- Black or neutral color professional handbags
- Monetary donations and gift cards to Macy’s, Ross, TJ Maxx, Target enable the program to purchase high-need items to best accommodate the clients’ diverse needs and sizes

We kindly request that any donated items are nearly new, gently used, contemporary, ready to wear: Laundered/dry-cleaned, functioning zippers, all buttons in place and free of fading/pet hair/odors/stains of any kind/holes/peeling and disintegration.

Donations are accepted on Mondays and Thursdays ONLY, 6:30 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., at YWCA Lāna‘ikea (1040 Richards Street). Call (808) 538-7061 for drop-off availability. Visit www.ywcaoahu.org for more information!

*Overstock items and items that are not appropriate for suiting may be sold and 100% of the proceeds will go directly back to support Dress for Success programs.